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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN
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SUBJECT : ISSUANCE OF SAUDI VISAS IN BAHRAIN

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1. SEVERAL RECENT CASES OF VISA REFUSALS TO AMCITS BY SAUDI EMBASSY MANAMA INDICATE THAT REGULATIONS OUTLINED IN REFTELS DO NOT GUARANTEE RESULTS. THESE REGULATIONS REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED, BUT ARE MERELY THE BASIC MINIMUM WHICH ALL APPLICANTS MUST MEET.

2. AN IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENT IS THE RESTRICTION OF VISAS TO RESIDENTS OF BAHRAIN. THIS RESTRICTION IS NOT UNIVERSALLY APPLIED, BUT HAS BEEN OFFERED AS THE BASIS FOR SEVERAL RECENT DENIALS. SUCH RESTRICTION ESPECIALLY EFFECTS EFFORTS BY THOSE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES WITHIN SAUDI ARABIA WHO SEEK THE FACILITIES OF SAUDI EMBASSY MANAMA FOR REGULARIZING THEIR STATUS. EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT SUCH EFFORTS RARELY SUCCEED AND GENERALLY LEAVE APPLICANT STRANDED IN BAHRAIN AND IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE IN REGULARIZING HIS STATUS HERE.

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3. EMBASSY MANAMA DOES NOT HAVE FACILITIES TO ASSIST THOSE AMCITS IN SAUDI ARABIA WHOSE INITIAL DOCUMENTATION ON ARRIVAL IN SAUDI ARABIA WAS INADEQUATE. COMPANIES, USMTM AND JECOR SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THIS EMBASSY CANNOT ARRANGE SAUDI VISAS FOR SUCH PERSONS. THE EASE OF ENTRY INTO BAHRAIN FOR 72 HOURS SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DEALING WITH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WITHIN SAUDI ARABIA IN CASES OF

VISA DIFFICULTY, AS PASINI CASE DEMONSTRATED.
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